

# HOW TO PREPARE YOUR PLASTICS

## STEP 1

### Determine if we're the right place to bring your plastic waste.

Breck Create only accepts plastic waste that is not accepted by other local recycling or donation programs. Here are two types of plastic we **do not** accept:

**Functional Items:** If your plastic item is still functional, please donate it to a local thrift store or list it online for free.



**Recyclable Items:** If your plastic item can be recycled through Summit County's Pay As You Throw program or other local recycling program, please recycle it there instead of bringing it to us.



## STEP 2

### Find one of these symbols.

It means we can recycle it.



## STEP 3

### Clean and remove labels\* from your plastic.



Remove food residue with soap and water.



Peel off labels and remove sticky residue.



Your plastic is ready for drop-off!

\*Labels printed directly onto the plastic are acceptable.

## STEP 4

### Cut large plastic items into 10"x10" pieces.

Large items like plastic chairs or sleds are bulky and take up too much space in our small studio. Please make sure none of your plastic is larger than 10"x10".



## STEP 5

### Sort your plastic by number.

You can either pre-sort your plastic before dropping it off, or sort it when you get to the studio! Remember, we only accept #1, #2, #5, and #6 plastics!



# ACCEPTABLE PLASTICS

Recycle your clean, label-free plastic at Breck Create!



## PLASTIC TYPES ACCEPTED

## SHORTHAND/ NAME

## PROPERTIES

## EXAMPLES

# #1

**PET**  
Polyethylene Terephthalate

Clear, tough, solvent resistant



# #2

**HDPE**  
High-Density Polyethylene

Semi-flexible, solid colors



# #5

**PP**  
Polypropylene

Durable but flexible, waxy surface



# #6

**PS**  
Polystyrene

Clear, glossy, sometimes opaque



## OTHER LOCAL RECYCLING OPTIONS

Diverting plastic trash from the local waste stream is a high priority for our Precious Plastic initiative. But we're not the only organization doing this in Summit County! Items like plastic bottles and jugs are easily recyclable through your local single stream recycling service or at local drop-off recycling centers. Please use these services before bringing your plastic trash to us. (More information about local recycling options at [HighCountryConservation.org](http://HighCountryConservation.org).) If the item you're wanting to donate is still functional, we kindly ask that you donate it to a local thrift store or list it online. We do not accept functional items.



More information about Precious Plastic and upcoming collection events at [breckcreate.org/education/precious-plastic](http://breckcreate.org/education/precious-plastic).

